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ALLARD DISAPPOINTED WITH FCC MEDIA CONSOLIDATION DECISION

FCC ADOPTS OWNERSHIP RULES CHANGES AMIDST PROTESTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Sen. Wayne Allard (R-CO)today announced his disappointment with the decision made by the Federal Communications Commission to change the media ownership rules.

"I am extremely disappointed with today's decision by the FCC to relax the media ownership rules allowing large media corporations to continue to consolidate print and broadcast media," Allard said. "This decision will lead to less competition and less service to the public by greatly decreasing the diversity of media ownership. I will be joining a number of my colleagues in pursuing legislative alternatives to these media ownership rules," added Allard.

The FCC today voted 3-2 to adopt these new rules changes despite the unprecedented level of concern from the Senate and the public. The FCC has received over 520,000 comments regarding these changes.

"Due to the overwhelming response from the public and lawmakers this dramatic change in the media ownership rules seemed to merit a brief pause to fairly and accurately evaluate the potential repercussions that will come from this decision," concluded Allard.